Applicant: Pasi Ahonen, et al. Application No.: 10/009,095

Art Unit: 1731

Remarks

Claims 34-72 remain pending in the application. In the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, the claims were objected to under 35 U.S.C. 112, claims 34-57 were indicated as being allowable, and claims 58-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the disclosure of Deshpande.

Claims 34, 58, and 67 have been amended to add the word "making" as suggested by the examiner to overcome the section 112 rejections. Similar amendments have been made to the dependent claims where required.

In the Office Action, the examiner noted that the prior art did not show "an air impingement arrangement or method for compensating of curling tendency of a paper or board web, wherein the web during orafter drying is subjected to hot blowing with air followed by cold blowing with air." However, the examiner noted that claims 58-72 lacked structural distinctions from the prior art. These claims have been amended to explicitly include the sources of hot blowing air and cold blowing air, thereby distinguishing from a system having just hot air impingement. The sources of hot blowing air and cold blowing air are inherent from the application disclosure and description of the method.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

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